Wharf at the Veluthulli Customs.

347. * **MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received complaints or memorials regarding the construction of a better wharf at the Veluthulli Customs House; and

(*b*) if so, what steps they have taken thereon?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN (*Excise Commissioner*); (*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (a) this question does not arise.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether it is the opinion of the honourable member that the present wharf is enough?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: Sir, the present wharf is usable. Last year it was repaired. If further repairs are found necessary, they will be done this year also when maintenance work is done.

Chowkey coolies at Arukutti and Veluthulli Customs.

348. * **MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR** (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Chowkey coolies at the Arukutti and Veluthulli Customs Houses respectively;

(*b*) the highest and the lowest pay given to these coolies;

(*c*) the amount of money collected at each of these Customs Houses as weighing charges in 1116; and

(*d*) the total amount disbursed as pay or wages in this respect in 1116?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: (*a*) 42 and 12 respectively.

(*b*) Rs. 10 and Rs. 7 per mensem.

(*c*) Arukutty Customs—Rs. 5495-10-12 and Veluthully Customs Rs. 5024-16-8.

(*d*) Arukutty—Rs. 3585-5-12 and Veluthully Rs. 1035-10-4.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether the coolies come under the permanent service or under work establishment?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: Sir, they are paid from the contingencies.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether they are sent out on patrol?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: No Sir.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: With reference to the answers to parts (c) and (d) of the question may I know whether the amounts are not collected to be paid to these coolies?

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